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 2. SUMMARY: FORMER PRIME MINISTER DISMAS
 NSENGIYAREMYE RETURNED TO RWANDA AFTER THE POLITICAL
 PARTY RECONCILIATION MEETING IN MOMBASA TO CONTINUE
 MDR REUNIFICATION TALKS. PARTICIPANTS IN THE MOMBASA
 MEETING ARE ENTHUSIASTIC ABOUT THE DIALOGUE
 PROSPECTS, BUT PARTY HARDLINERS ARE FIGHTING
 RECONCILIATION. A HIGH LEVEL EEC/UNHCR TEAM URGED
 PRESIDENT HABYARIMANA TO ASSURE THAT THE BROAD BASED
 GOVERNMENT IS IN PLACE BEFORE THE THREE MONTH REVIEW
 DATE REQUIRED BY THE SECURITY COUNCIL. MEANWHILE,
 ICRC HAS REQUESTED BOTH THE GOVERNMENT AND THE RPF,

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AS WELL AS ALL POLITICAL PARTIES IN RWANDA, TO
PROVIDE WRITTEN ASSURANCES FOR ICRC SECURITY IN ITS
HUMANITARIAN WORK. END SUMMARY.

RECONCILIATION PROSPECTS BRIGHTEN

3. FORMER PRIME MINISTER DISMAS NSENGIYAREMYE IS
BACK IN TOWN. HE ARRIVED NOVEMBER 30TH FROM MOMBASA
WHERE HE WAS PARTICIPATING IN THE CHURCH SPONSORED
RECONCILIATION TALKS WITH THE FACTION OF THE MDR LED
BY PRIME MINISTER DESIGNATE FAUSTIN TWAGIRAMUNGU.
APPARENTLY THE DISMAS FACTION OF THE PARTY IS
EUPHORIC ABOUT THE RESULTS OF THE MOMBASA
CONFERENCE. TWAGIRAMUNGU TOLD THE FRENCH AMBASSADOR
THAT DISMAS HAD BEEN VERY DIFFICULT AT FIRST BUT
EVENTUALLY HAD TAKEN A MORE REASONABLE POSITION. THE
TW, FAUSTIN AND DISMAS, WILL CONTINUE TO NEGOTIATE
REUNIFICATION OF THE MDR ON FRIDAY 12/3 UNDER THE
AUSPICES OF THE BISHOP OF KABGAYI. THIS MEDIATION
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BGAN LAST AUGUST BUT WAS AWAITING THE RETURN OF
NSENGIYAREMYE BEFORE IT COULD MOVE FORWARD.

4. FORMER FOREIGN MINISTER BONIFACE NGULINZIRA TOLD
CHARGE AT THE WEEKEND THAT HE HAS BECOME AN ARDENT
PROMOTER OF RECONCILIATION BETWEEN THE TWO WINGS OF
THE PARTY. NGULINZIRA OBSERVED THAT THE BROAD BASED
GOVERNMENT WILL HAVE THE TASK OF IMPLEMENTING THE
PEACE ACCORDS, AND IMPLIED THAT TWAGIRAMUNGU WILL
INDEED TAKE UP HIS POSITION AS PRIME MINISTER. HE
SAID IT WOULD BE VERY DIFFICULT FOR THE MDR TO FORM
A OPPOSITION OPPOSING PEACE AND IMPLEMENTATION OF
THE PEACE ACCORDS. THEREFORE, HE REASONED, THE MDR
MEMBERS OPPOSING FAUSTIN HAVE NO ALTERNATIVE BUT TO
FIND A WAY TO WORK TOGETHER WITH HIM AGAIN. ASKED IF
THIS MEANT THE HUTU EXTREMISTS IN THE PARTY WERE
MARGINALIZED, HE SAID THEY WERE STILL FIGHTING
BITTERLY WITHIN THE PARTY POLITICAL BUREAU AGAINST
RECONCILIATION. HE ACKNOWLEDGED HE COULD NOT
CONTINUE TO ALLY HIMSELF WITH THESE ETHNICISTS.

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HARDLINERS HARDEN POSITION

5. CONSISTENT WITH NGULINZIRA'S ANALYSIS, MDR
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SECRETARY GENERAL MUREGO, A HUTU EXTREMIST, ANNOUNCED

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AT A PRESS CONFERENCE 11/29 THE POLITICAL BUREAU'S DECISION TO HOLD AN EXTRAORDINARY PARTY CONGRESS DECEMBER 19 TO ELECT A NEW PARTY PRESIDENT TO REPLACE TWAGIRAMUNGU. HE RECALLED THAT TWAGIRAMUNGU HAD BEEN EXPelled FROM THE PARTY LAST JULY AND SAID HIS INVESTITURE AS PRIME MINISTER WOULD BE A GRAVE VIOLATION OF THE PEACE ACCORD. HE ALSO CALLED ON THE CURRENT GOVERNMENT OF AGATHE UWILINGIYIMANA TO RESIGN, NOTING SHE TOO HAD BEEN EXPelled FROM THE PARTY.

PREPARATIONS FOR NEXT GOVERNMENT CONTINUE

6. TWAGIRAMUNGU CONTINUES TO PERFORM IN HIS ROLE AS PRIME MINISTER DESIGNATE. THE RWANDAN PRESS REPORTED THAT HE MET WITH PRESIDENT HABYARIMANA NOVEMBER 26. THE PRESIDENT'S CABINET DIRECTOR ENOCH RUHIGIRA TOLD THE CHARGE THAT THE PRESIDENT INVITED TWAGIRAMUNGU TO DISCUSS PROGRESS HE IS MAKING TOWARD FORMING THE GOVERNMENT AND OUTLINING THE PROGRAM OF THE GOVERNMENT.

PRESSURE ON THE PRESIDENT

7. THE PRESIDENT RECEIVED A JOINT HIGH LEVEL DELEGATION FROM THE EEC AND UNHCR ON DECEMBER 1 (REF B). THE UNHCR MEMBER OF THE TEAM, SOREN JESNEN-PETERSON, DIRECTOR FOR INTERNATIONAL

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ORGANIZATION AFFAIRS IN GENEVA, TOLD CHARGE THAT THE PRESIDENT HAD SAID ALMOST ALL THE RIGHT THINGS. HE HAD REITERATED HIS COMMITMENT TO THE PEACE PROCESS, TO THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE ARUSHA PEACE ACCORDS,

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AND TO THE FORMATION OF THE BROAD BASED TRANSITION GOVERNMENT. HOWEVER, HE WENT ON TO BLAME ALL OF THE CURRENT VIOLENCE AND INSECURITY ON THE RPF.

JENSEN-PETERSON SAID THE PRIME MINISTER HAD REVEALED
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A MUCH MORE BALANCED VIEW OF THE CURRENT SITUATION
ACCEPTING THAT BOTH SIDES BEAR RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE CURRENT INSTABILITY.

8. JESSEN-PETERSON SAID HE HAD DELIVERED A HARD MESSAGE TO THE PRESIDENT. HE SAID HE HAD POINTED OUT THE JANUARY 5TH DEADLINE BY WHICH THE SECURITY

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COUNCIL MUST REVIEW THE SITUATION IN RWANDA AND ASSESS PROGRESS TOWARD IMPLEMENTING THE PEACE ACCORD BEFORE PROLONGING THE PEACEKEEPING OPERATION BEYOND ITS INITIAL SIX MONTH MANDATE. HE TOLD THE PRESIDENT THAT THE RELUCTANCE OF THE UN SECURITY COUNCIL TO BECOME INVOLVED IN BURUNDI SEEMED TO HIM TO SIGNAL A NEW ERA AND CAUTIONED THE PRESIDENT THAT THE SECURITY COUNCIL MIGHT FIND IT DIFFICULT TO PROLONG THE PEACEKEEPING OPERATION IN RWANDA IF THE BROAD BASED TRANSITION GOVERNMENT WERE NOT IN PLACE BY JANUARY 5.

ICRC DEMANDS SECURITY ASSURANCES

9. THE ICRC, WHICH SUSPENDED HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE OPERATIONS IN THE DMZ FOLLOWING THE LAND MINE INCIDENT WHICH KILLED ONE OF ITS DRIVERS, HAS APPEALED TO THE PRESIDENT FOR HIS INVOLVEMENT IN STABILIZING THE SECURITY SITUATION. ICRC, IN A LETTER TO THE PRESIDENT, ASKED THAT ALL POLITICAL PARTIES PROVIDE WRITTEN GUARANTEES TO THE ICRC THAT THEY WOULD RESPECT ICRC'S SECURITY. ICRC HAS ALREADY MADE SUCH A REQUEST OF BOTH THE GOVERNMENT AND THE

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RPF. ICRC CHIEF GAILLARD IS PUSHING THE FOREIGN MINISTER TO DELIVER GOVERNMENT ASSURANCES SO AID CAN RESUME BY 12/6.

GOVERNMENT PARALYZED

10. EMBASSY HAS LEARNED THAT MRND MINISTERS ARE REFUSING TO ATTEND CABINET MEETINGS. OSTENSIBLY AT ISSUE IS THE IMPASSE OVER PAYMENT FOR CELLULE-LEVEL OFFICIALS WHICH MRND SUPPORT AND OTHER PARTIES OBJECT TO. THE EFFECT IS TO BLOCK ALL DECISIONS AND PREPARATIONS FOR FORMATION OF THE BROAD BASED GOVERNMENT.

COMMENT

11. WITH FORMER PRIME MINISTER NSENGIYAREMYE BACK IN TOWN, PROSPECTS FOR RECONCILIATION BETWEEN THE TWO

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WINGG OF THE MDR ARE BRIGHTER. WE ARE NOT SURPRISED AT DISMAS' INITIAL POSTURING IN MOMBASA. WE WILL ENCOURAGE BOTH SIDES IN THE MDR TO TAKE REASONABLE POSITIONS IN THE ONGOING RECONCILIATION NEGOTIATIONS. WE SUPPORT THE STRONG WORDS OF UNHCR REPRESENTATIVE JESSEN-PETERSON AND ARE ALREADY FOLLOWING A SIMILAR APPROACH WITH INTERLOCUTORS, CALLING THEIR ATTENTION TO THE VERY REAL THREE-MONTH DEADLINE IMPOSED BY SECURITY COUNCIL RESOLUTION 872 AND URGING THEM NOT TO LET THE FORMATION OF THE BROAD BASED GOVERNMENT SLIP BEYOND THAT. GOVERNMENT

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PARALYSIS IS BEING KEPT QUIET TO AVOID PUBLIC REPERCUSSIONS, BUT IT IS A BAD SIGN THAT BODES ILL FOR THE FUTURE.

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